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SUBJECT: BREZHNEV MEETS U.S. COMMUNISTS

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1. SOVIET PRESS MAY 7 FRONTPAGES REPORT OF BREZHNEV MEETING MAY 6 WITH CPUSA DELEGATION HEADED BY GUS HALL. ALSO PRESENT ON SOVIET SIDE WERE SUSLOV, PONMAREV, AND ZIMYANIN. MAJOR SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION AS REFLECTED IN PRESS REPORT WAS U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS, WITH BOTH PARTIES ENDORSING FURTHER MOVEMENT TOWARD IMPROVEMENT. CPUSA WENT ON RECORD AS SUPPORTING U.S.-SOVIET SUMMIT MEETINGS, ALTHOUGH IT DID NOT EXPLICITLY MENTION PRESIDENT'S FORTHCOMING VISIT (PRESUMABLY BECAUSE THIS MIGHT APPEAR UNSEEMLY TO COMRADES BACK AT HOME).

2. ON INTERNATIONAL ISSUES, BOTH PARTIES CONDEMNED MAOISM AS OPEN ENEMY OF COMMUNIST AND NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, CHARGING THAT IT HAS COME OUT AGAINST DETENTE TOGETHER WITH THE MOST REACTIONARY
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FORCES. BOTH SIDES PRONOUNCED THEMSELVES IN FAVOR OF

INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST MEETINGS BUT DID NOT ELABORATE
ON TIME OR FORMAT.

3. COMMENT: IT SEEMS POSSIBLE TO US THAT PONOMAREV'S
ILLNESS LAST WEEK WHICH PROMPTED SOVIETS TO RESCHEULE
PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION TO U.S. (REFTEL) MAY BE
EXPLAINED BY NEED FOR HIM TO PARTICIPATE IN GUS HALL
VISIT. HE WAS, HOWEVER, ABSENT FROM MAY DAY FESTIVITIES
HE WOULD NORMALLY HAVE ATTENDED, SO IT IS ALSO POSSIBLE
THAT HE WAS INDEED ILL.
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